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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Religious Education - Study of Other Faiths**

This week the children at St Francis' will embark on their annual study of another faith- Judaism. As a part of this study we will have a guest speaker at assembly, Rabbi Larry who will be presenting information about the practices of Judaism. We encourage the children to live fundamental British values of mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith. Please speak to your children about what they have learned from this experience.

### **Phonics Workshop - Reception**

There is a phonics workshop for Reception parents on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 9:30 or 2:30. Please complete the reply slip if you will be attending. This will be a great opportunity to learn about the Read Write Inc. (RWI) programme that we use to teach reading at St Francis'.

### **Parents' Conference Meetings**

The parents' conference meetings for this term are as follows:

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November for years 1-6**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December for Nursery and Reception**

It is important that all parents attend to get an early indication of how your child is settling into their new class and how he/she is coping with the demands of being in a new year group. The partnership between parents and school is essential in order for each child to reach their full potential. A letter has already been sent out for parents to book a time slot to see the teacher.

### **Pantomime**

It's that time of year again when the nights draw closer, we have to wrap up to stay warm and we begin the expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour. As we begin the festive season we have booked our annual trip to the pantomime for years 1-6. The children will visit Theatre Royal, Stratford East to see *Sinbad the Sailor*. The cost of the visit is £9.45 which includes the entrance fee and an ice cream. The classes will be visiting on the following dates:

**Years 1-3 Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Years 4-6 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

**Please log-on to parentpay in order to make your contribution for this visit by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016. We expect the children to arrive back at school at about 5:30 pm so please make arrangements for someone to be at the school ready to collect your child.**



Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott

### **Anti-Bullying Week - Week beginning the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Anti-Bullying Week shines a spotlight on bullying and encourages all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year. The theme for this year's Anti-bullying Week is 'The Power for Good' with the aim to support children and young people to use their Power for Good - by understanding the ways in which they are powerful and encouraging individual and collective action to stop bullying and create the best world possible.

We will start the week by the children sharing how they have used the 'High 5' strategies to manage difficult situations and how they help others. We will be celebrating diversity and using mindfulness as a power of good looking at different courses of action or responses to other people's behaviours.

### **Class Assembly**

There will be a class assembly for **5K on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016** at 9:05 am; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

### **Supervision of children before school**

The school gate opens at about 8:40 in the morning to let the children on to the playground, the children are invited to into their classrooms from 8:45 in the morning. However, there are a few children who are being left in front of the school unsupervised very early in the morning. Please do remember that the school operates a breakfast club provision each morning from 7:30 in the morning; leaving children unsupervised at the front of the school early in the morning is unsafe for children.

N. Scott  
Head Teacher

